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Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" May I point out to my hon. Friend that this jurisdiction means almost nothing, seeing that the polling officers are not appointed by the district boards and the conduct of the election is not in the hands of the district boards? That being the case, may I know whether he will not consider the desirability of having these polling stations in the municipal areas, so that a large number of voters may not be put to unnecessary inconvenience? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I have already promised to consider the legal aspect, to see that polling stations are situated as conveniently as possible."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that in certain districts polling stations were fixed within municipal areas, for instance in Conjeeveram, in the Chingleput district? "

Diwan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar :—" In fact even the district board offices are in the municipal limits."

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I am not aware of the case quoted by Mr. Arasu. I shall look into the question."

Polling arrangements for elections to the Tinnevelly District Board.

* 564 *Q.*—Mr. P. Ratnavelu Thevar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in respect of the forthcoming elections to the District Board of Tinnevelly no polling centres have been located within the municipal limits of Tinnevelly;

(*b*) which is the nearest place at which voters resident in the Tinnevelly Municipality can record their votes;

(*c*) what is the distance of that polling centre from the municipality;

(*d*) whether all municipalities in the districts in which the district board elections are pending have been thus deprived of polling centres within their own limits; and

(*e*) if the reply to the above question is in the negative, which municipalities have thus been deprived and which have not?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) There are three polling stations, Tenpathu, Manimurtiswaram and Kandiaperi, situated on the neighbourhood of the Tinnevelly municipal limits and one Thoppayamadam Chatram at a distance of about a mile from the said limits.

(*d*) & (*e*) No district board polling centre is situated in a municipality.